

118TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 5380

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of portable ultrasound transportation and set up services under the Medicare program.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 21, 2024

Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Ms. HASSAN) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Portable Ultrasound  
5 Reimbursement Equity Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. COVERAGE OF PORTABLE ULTRASOUND TRANS-**  
2 **PORTATION AND SET UP SERVICES UNDER**  
3 **THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(s)(3) of the Social  
5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(3)) is amended by strik-  
6 ing “diagnostic X-ray tests” and inserting “diagnostic X-  
7 ray and ultrasound tests”.

8 (b) ENSURING EQUITABLE PAYMENT FOR PORTABLE  
9 ULTRASOUND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.—Section  
10 1834 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m) is  
11 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
12 section:

13 “(aa) ENSURING EQUITABLE PAYMENT FOR PORT-  
14 ABLE ULTRASOUND TRANSPORTATION AND SET UP SERV-  
15 ICES.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide  
17 a separate payment under this part for portable  
18 ultrasound transportation and set up services in the  
19 same manner and to the same extent that separate  
20 payments are provided for portable X-ray transpor-  
21 tation and set up services.

22 “(2) PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS.—The Sec-  
23 retary shall specify requirements applicable to sup-  
24 pliers of portable ultrasound transportation and set  
25 up services under this part. Such requirements shall  
26 be substantially similar to the requirements applica-

1       ble to suppliers of portable X-ray services under sub-  
2       part C of part 486 of title 42, Code of Federal Reg-  
3       ulations (or a successor regulation).”.

4       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
5 this section shall apply with respect to services furnished  
6 on or after January 1, 2026.

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